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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT**

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,672	76%	3,298	54%
Analyzed SAKs	1,438	24%	2,812	46%
<b>Total SAKs</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>100%</b>

As of January 19, 2010, 2,320 untested SAKs (50 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of January, a total of 285 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	714	62%
Negative Biological Material Screen	443	38%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	143	20%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	308	43%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	146	21%
Uploaded to CODIS	117	16%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the five current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through January 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grant	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
<b>September</b>	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	<b>\$337,694</b>
<b>October</b>	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	<b>\$234,494</b>
<b>November</b>	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	<b>\$189,673</b>
<b>December</b>	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	<b>\$170,205</b>
<b>January</b>	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	<b>\$160,528</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$83,151</b>	<b>\$885,596</b>	<b>\$26,563</b>	<b>\$97,284</b>	<b>\$1,092,594</b>

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, two individuals were selected from the current criminalist certification list and are in the final stages of background investigation. Selection interviews for the remaining criminalist positions will be completed this month. Additionally, the supervising criminalist promotional examination interviews will be conducted this month.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of January 2010, a total of 22 SAKs were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 561 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	121	70	191
Pending Assignment	15	355	370
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>561</b>

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 93 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 93 cases, 55 are currently under investigation. Thirty-eight cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings, 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to Parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 23 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 6 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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